

Experiment 1: Parametric Curves

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1 DEFINING SURFACES PARAMETRICALLY

1.1 Plane Passing Through Three Defined Points

To define the plane parametrically, we can use the following formula: P = P1 + u(P2 - P1) + v(P3 - P1)Therefore, with the 3 points (N, M, 0), (0, M, N), (N, 0, M), we get:

$$x(u, v) = N - Nu = 8 - 8u$$

 $y(u, v) = M + Mv = 10 + 10v$
 $z(u, v) = Nu + Mv = 8u + 10v$
 $u, v \in [0, 1]$

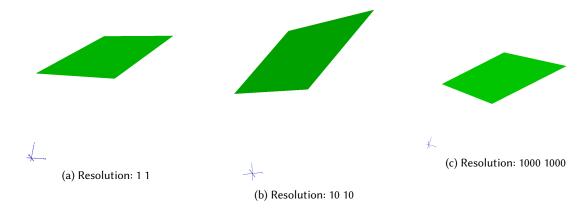


Fig. 1. Plots of the plane defined in "1a.wrl" with differing resolutions

As seen in Fig. 1 above, a sampling resolution of $\mathbf{1}$ for both u and v is sufficient for drawing the plane as it has no curvature and having a higher resolution would produce the exact same drawing.